Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Community Health Centers are nonprofit, community-owned and operated health providers serving uninsured and medically underserved people in the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Community Health Centers expand access to quality health care for all people, and contain health care costs by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary care with aggressive outreach, patient education, translation, and other enabling services; and,

Whereas, Community Health Centers have made great strides in the South Dakota health care system specifically by maintaining high standards of accountability, demonstrating cost effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of care, and empowering communities to address unmet health needs, reduce health disparities, and reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable diseases; and,

Whereas, There is a continuing need to support implementation of Community Health Centers throughout the state of South Dakota as part of South Dakota's enduring commitment to the provision of quality primary health care; and,

Whereas, Community Health Centers promote 100 percent access and zero health disparities to help achieve health care for all people:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 10 – 16, 2003, as

HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in South Dakota, and I urge citizens to recognize the important contributions of Community Health Centers in safeguarding health and improving the quality of life for all people in this great state.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State